

Title (en)  
Electrochemical reduction of copper seed for reducing voids in electrochemical deposition

Title (de)  
Elektrochemische Reduktion von Kupferkeimschichten zur Reduzierung von Leerstellen in einer elektrochemischen Abscheidung

Title (fr)  
Réduction électrochimique de couches de germination en cuivre pour réduire des vides dans une déposition électrochimique

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Abstract (en)  
An improved method for forming a copper layer (100). After the copper seed layer (116) is formed, any oxidized copper (118) at the surface is electrochemically reduced back to copper rather than being dissolved. Copper (120) is then electrochemically deposited (ECD) over the intact seed layer (116). <IMAGE>

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